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Glen Canyon News Release

Mussel Offenders Summoned to Court

Page, AZ –Glen Canyon National Recreation Area's zebra mussel prevention program continues to be vigorously enforced. This summer visitors who did not comply with the park's inspection and decontamination requirements received mandatory court appearance citations. Those individuals have all received court ordered restitution. In the most recent case, the individual had a court ordered restitution of \$2,500. The money will be utilized by the prevention program to assist the zebra mussel education and enforcement aspects of the program. Failure to abide by the park's prevention program requirements has a maximum penalty of a \$5,000 fine and up to 6 months in jail. To date, no zebra mussels have been detected in Lake Powell.

Zebra mussel inspection and decontamination services are available year round. Individuals whose vessels do not meet the criteria to be inspected and decontaminated, must self certify that their vessel is "Mussel Free". To learn more about the park's zebra mussel prevention program and park requirements go to www.nps.gov/glca.

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